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To the Pima County Board of Supervisors

January 8, 2007

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Dear Members of the Board:

I write regarding the case *Democratic Party of Pima County v. Pima County Board of Supervisors*, Case No.2007-2073. It is my belief, after reviewing some of the testimony and rulings in this matter, including the statements of Dr. David Jefferson and Thomas P. Ryan dated _____, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors should release to plaintiffs in that case copies of the GEMS databases that they have requested.

The Brennan Center at New York University School of Law is a nonpartisan think tank and advocacy organization that focuses on issues of democracy and justice. As Director of the Brennan Center's Voting Technology Assessment Project, I chaired the Brennan Center's Task Force on Voting System Security, which conducted the nation's first systematic analysis of voting system security in 2006.

Transparency in our elections is critical not only to public trust in election results, but also to voting system security and reliability. It does not appear to me that there would be any new security risks associated with the release of these databases. For this reason, I strongly encourage you to release the GEMS databases plaintiffs have requested.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Norden, Counsel